CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENCES TO THE CUSU BUDGET

K3:

An Annual Budget for the year beginning 1st July shall be prepared by the Coordinator and submitted to the first Council of Easter Term for ratification, having been made available for inspection at the CUSU Offices during office hours for the 2 weeks prior to the day of the meeting. The Budget shall allocate funds to specific Budget Headings from which those funds may be used only for prescribed activities of the CUSU. In addition the Budget may include a “Campaigns to Allocate” Heading to allow for variations in campaigning activity during the year and to ensure funds are available to launch a suitable reactive campaign, at the request of Council, during the Year of the Budget. It shall be a duty of the Coordinator to ensure that the Budgets presented to Council do not propose that expenditure shall exceed income in any Financial Year.

K4:

The Council shall, at that first meeting of each Easter term, discuss the CUSU Budget for the following Financial Year and shall recommend the Executive to request a given sum, passed in the budget, in contribution from the Affiliated Common Rooms for the following Financial Year.

K7:

It shall be a duty of the Executive to ensure that the CUSU and all its constituent parts shall not incur any expenditure that is not in pursuance of the aims and objectives of the CUSU as defined in this Constitution, Standing Orders or in the Policies of the Union. It shall be the duty of the Executives of each Autonomous Cmapaign to ensure that no expenditure is incurred that is not in pursuance of the aims and objectives of that Representative Cmapaign and consistent with those of the CUSU as defined in this Constitution.

K8:

It shall be within the competence of Council the amend the Budget, both at the time of presentation and in the subsequent Year to which it refers, by a resolution which simultaneously reduces a Budget Heading and increases a second by the same stated amount. There is no limit to the number of Budget Headings that can be so amended, provided always that the totals balance. Unless specified, any Council resolution changing the budget will take immediate effect.

K9:

a) Subject to the constraints of the budget and with the exception of the “Campaigns to Allocate” heading, the competencies of the various organs of the CUSU to allocate funds from each budget heading shall be as follows:
i. A Referendum of the ordinary membership of the CUSU shall be empowered to allocate any sum of money subject to clause K8.

ii. A single resolution of the Council shall ordinarily be sufficient to allocate only up to £5,000; in the case of publications or matters pertaining to a central student union building, this maximum shall be raised to £20,000.

iii. If a budget or Council resolution allots an amount of money to a designated team, committee, or officer for a specific purpose, the designee may release up to 100 percent of the allotted amount with the approval of the Coordinator.

iv. If a budget or Council resolution allots an amount of money or resources for a purpose but does not specify an Executive agent, the Coordinator shall be empowered to release the funds or designate an agent at their discretion.

v. The Budget may fund a “Campaigns to Allocate” [CUSU Council Free Budget] heading, which will be used to finance new or expanded initiatives passed by Council throughout the year. Any allocation from the “Campaigns to Allocate” heading shall require a subsequent resolution of Council.

vi. The Budget may fund an Executive discretionary heading. The Sabbatical team shall be empowered to allocate up to £150 or 25 percent of this heading, whichever is the greater, for any given expenditure.

b) It shall be within the competence of the Council to authorise expenditure on capital items which incur a liability on further financial years provided that this expenditure does not exceed 10% of the total CUSU income in the year in which the capital expenditure is incurred.

L9:

The Board [of Trustees] may revoke parts of CUSU Policy or amend the Budget where it is in contravention of the laws in the jurisdiction under which the CUSU falls, or where the Board judges that the policy or expenditure would incur unacceptable legal or financial risk to the Union. The procedure for decisions under this provision shall be governed by Standing Orders and shall include an appeal mechanism.